(4) Improvement of the following canals for carrying away surplus water—

(*a*) Vallayil *thodu*, (*b*) Anchumuna *thodu*, (*c*) Kaniyan *thodu*, (*d*) Muthu *thodu* and (*e*) Puchakal *thodu*.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A sum of Rs. 1,000 has been sanctioned this year for the construction of a bridge over the Maramattil *thodu*.

86. Means of communication in the Kottayam Division with special reference to the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon (Member, Kottayam Taluk) urged the necessity of carrying out the following works:—

(1) A foot bridge was sanctioned to be put up 5 years ago at Illikkal *kadavu*. It should be converted into a cartable bridge.

(2) Kottayam-Kumarakam road. The work on the road was not complete The road should be made cartable.

(3) The Kottayam-Kumarakam road should be extended as far as the Higher Grade Vernacular School.

(4) The Kottayam-Kumarakam road should be joined to the Vaikam-Vetchur road.

(5) The two curves in the Chengalam river should be removed.

(6) The Pallikonam *thodu* should be cut at least next year.

(7) The Mavelil *thodu* should be taken up for repair in 1093 ; it was only 2 furlongs long.

(8) A canal should be cut from the neighbourhood of Vettikkattumukku to Muthankone.

(9) A road had already been commenced from Kottayam to Parippu and other places. It should be finished soon.

The creation of Taluk Boards would, in the Member's view, satisfy all their local wants.

In conclusion, he pleaded for Railway communication from Kottarakara to Alwaye.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

87. Extension of the Thirunakkara Market Canal to the east of the Market landing.

Mr. Nainan Aippu (Member, Trading Classes, Kottayam) submitted that the road from the market landing to the market was unserviceable on account of its being steep and that the people were at present utilizing the Cutcherry *kadavu*. But as all passengers and distinguished visitors were also landing at the same *kadavu*, it was impossible for traders to land their goods there with convenience. Hence, it was necessary to extend the Thirunakkara Market Canal to the east of the Market landing.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

88. Improvements to the Cutcherry and Market landings and the extension of the Cutcherry canal to the Thekkumgopuram landing.

Mr. C. I. Chandi (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) represented that the trade in Kottayam, the only outlet for the Hills, and rubber and tea industries of Mundakayam and Peermade respectively, had of late developed to such an extent that the increased requirements could not be satisfactorily met by the existing arrangements for loading and unloading cargo.

The following suggestions were, therefore, made by the Member :—

(1) *The Market landing.*—The basin at the landing was quite inadequate at present to admit of at least ten first class boats simultaneously landing their cargo. An enlargement of the basin towards the east was highly desirable in the interests of trade.

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